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§ 3585.4-3 Relinquishment of claims.

Prior to the issuance of a lease, the applicant shall relinquish in writing any right or interest in his/her mining claim(s) as of the date the lease covering such claim(s) becomes effective.

§ 3585.5 Exploration license.

§ 3585.5-1 Exploration license.

Private parties, jointly or severally, may apply for exploration licenses to explore known hardrock mineral deposits which are not under lease or within an area subject to application and lease under § 3585.3 of this title to obtain geologic, environmental and other pertinent data concerning such deposits. Exploration licenses do not grant the licensee any preference right to a lease.

§ 3585.5-2 Other applicable regulations.

Except as otherwise specifically provided in this subpart, the regulations pertaining to land use authorizations under part 2920 of this title shall govern the issuance of exploration licenses.

§ 3585.5-3 Exploration plan.

All applications for exploration licenses shall include an exploration plan which is in full compliance with § 3562.3-3 of this title. The approved exploration plan shall be attached to, and made a part of, the license.

§ 3585.5-4 Notice of exploration.

Applicants for exploration licenses shall publish a Notice of Exploration inviting other parties to participate in exploration under license on a pro rata cost sharing basis.

§ 3585.5-5 Contents of notice.

The Notice of Exploration prepared by the authorized officer and furnished to the applicant shall contain:

- (a) The name and address of the applicant;
- (b) A description of the lands;
- (c) The address of the Bureau office where the exploration plan will be available for inspection; and
- (d) An invitation to the public to participate in the exploration under the license.

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§ 3585.5-6 Publication and posting of notice.

(a) The applicant shall publish the Notice of Exploration once a week for 3 consecutive weeks in at least 1 newspaper of general circulation nearest the area where the lands are located.

(b) The authorized officer shall post the notice in the Bureau's Alaska State Office and in the Fairbanks District Office for 30 days.

§ 3585.5-7 Notice of participation.

Any person who seeks to participate in the exploration program shall notify the authorized officer and the applicant in writing within 30 days after posting of the Notice of Exploration.

§ 3585.5-8 Decision on plan and participation.

(a) The authorized officer may issue the exploration license naming participants and acreage covered, establishing core hole spacing and resolving any other issue necessary to minimize surface disturbance and inconsistencies between proposed exploration plans.

(b) Upon application by the participants, a modification of the exploration plan may be approved by the authorized officer.

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§ 3585.5-9 Submission of data.

The licensee must furnish to BLM copies of all data obtained during exploration. If part 2 of this title requires any such data to be held confidential, BLM will not make it public.

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Subpart 3586—Sand and Gravel in Nevada

§ 3586.1 Applicable law and regulations.

The Act of June 8, 1926 (44 Stat. 708), authorizes the Secretary to dispose of the reserved minerals in certain lands patented to the State of Nevada under such conditions and under such rules and regulations as he/she may prescribe. Mineral materials, including deposits of sand and gravel, in such lands shall, except for leases granted and renewed under this subpart, be subject to

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disposal only under the regulations in Group 3600 of this title which implement the Materials Act of 1947, as amended (30 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

§ 3586.2 Existing leases.

Existing sand and gravel leases may be renewed at the expiration of their initial term, and at the end of each successive 5-year period thereafter, for an additional term of 5 years, under such terms and conditions as the authorized officer determines to be reasonable. An application for renewal must be filed in triplicate in the proper BLM office within 90 days prior to the expiration of the lease term and be accompanied by the filing fee for renewal of existing sand and gravel leases in Nevada found in the fee schedule in §3000.12 of this chapter. Prior to renewal of a lease, the lessee shall be required to file a new bond and remit advance rental for the first year of the renewal lease at the rate prescribed by the authorized officer. The rental payment shall not be less than \$20. The lease shall be renewed only upon application of the lessee of record. The authorized officer shall not renew any lease that is not producing sand and gravel or is not part of an existing sand and gravel mining operation.

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§ 3586.3 Transfers of lease.

Leases may be transferred in whole or in part. The regulations in subpart 3506 of this title shall govern all such transfers.

PART 3590—SOLID MINERALS (OTHER THAN COAL) EXPLORATION AND MINING OPERATIONS

NOTE: There are many leases and agreements currently in effect, and which will remain in effect, involving Federal leases which specifically refer to the United States Geological Survey, Minerals Management Services or the Conservation Division. These leases and agreements also often specifically refer to various officers as Supervisor, Conservation Manager, Deputy Conservation Manager, Minerals Manager and Deputy Minerals Manager. In addition, many leases and agreements specifically refer to 30 CFR part

231 or specific sections thereof. Those references shall now mean the Bureau of Land Management or Minerals Management Service, as appropriate.

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